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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU CREATES EMERGENCY FOOD COMMITTEE: PL-480
RICE ARRIVES

1. GUINEA-BISSAU PRESIDENT CABRAL LAST WEEK ORDERED CREATION OF SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY FOOD COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF SECRETARIES-GENERAL OF COMMISSARIATS (MINISTRIES) OF HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, AND TRANSPORT. NEW COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY BEGUN GATHERING NECESSARY INFORMATION ON STOCKS, EXPECTED SUPPLIES, AND TRANSPORT CAPABILITIES. STATE OF EMERGENCY WILL BE ANNOUNCED JANUARY 12 TO BE FOLLOWED BY CONVOCAION OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF FOOD DONOR COUNTRIES. COMMITTEE'S MANDATE IS TO COORDINATE ALL FOOD SUPPLIES AND ORGANIZE REQUESTS FOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE.

2. CREATION OF COMMITTEE IS RESPONSE TO DETERIORATING LOCAL FOOD SITUATION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO BASIC FOOD RICE. LAST YEAR'S RAINS WERE WORST IN OVER THIRTY YEARS AND RICE CROP (AMONG OTHERS) WAS LESS THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF ANTICIPATED. GUINEA-BISSAU HAD HOPED TO APPROACH SELF-SUFFICIENCY THIS YEAR BUT BY END OF DECEMBER STOCKS OF RICE IN BISSAU WERE VIRTUALLY EXHAUSTED.

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3. FIRST SHIPMENT OF USG PL-480 TITLE II RICE (2,000 TONS) ARRIVED IN BISSAU JANUARY 8, FOLLOWED WITHIN MINUTES BY SECOND SHIP CARRYING ANOTHER RICE SHIPMENT PURCHASED COMMERCIALLY BY GOGB. USG RICE WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED BY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AND LOCAL RADIO AND PRESS.

4. WE WILL REPORT LATER ON GOGB MEETING WITH FOREIGN DONORS.
WE EXPECT THAT GOGB WILL ASK USG FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE IN
ADDITION TO 4,000 TONS RICE ALREADY PROGRAMMED FOR
FY-1978.
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